# Rawsonville village to echo with new life

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Press Staff Writer

The ruins of the old Village of Rawsonville will echo with new life next Sunday when dignitaries, local officials and interested bystanders will gather to dedicate a Michigan Historic Site marker to the village.

In ceremonies starting at 1 p.m., former Gov. John B. Swainson, now president of the state historic commission, will conduct the official plaque dedication.

Diane Wilson, co-author of "Water Under the Bridge," will speak about the history of Rawsonville.

The Belleville High School band and Ambassador Chorale will provide entertainment, Cub Troop 243 from Rawsonville School will perform the flag ceremony and state Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton Township, also is scheduled to speak.

Rawsonville was founded in 1823 near what is now the McDonald's Restaurant on Rawsonville Road off I-94 by Henry Snow and was first known as Snow's Landing. The small community peaked in population by the Civil War, featuring saw mills, two cooper shops, several stores, three saloons and a stove and cigar factory.

It began to decline when railroads bypassed the area, then died when a dam erected in 1925 put most of the village under the waters of Belleville Lake.

Still remaining above water are barns to the old 1830s mill and two houses. The 1860s-vintage school house still stands, although it has been converted to a home.

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anton. In memory of Shelia, contributions may be made to Childrens eukemia Foundation of Michigan, 9022 W. Ten Mile Rod, Southfield, MI 8075. Envelopes are available at the neral home where friends may call fter 3 p.m. Sunday.

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assed away October 4, 1985 in San iego, CA., the beloved husband of hea; dearest father of Darrell and anny (Byron); dearest father-in-aw of Susan M. and Susan K.; urvived by two grandaughters, Amy nd Sara; also survived by three sis-ers and one brother. Mr. Parrish. He has been a lifelong resident of McDougal, Arkansas and has been an Ypsilanti resident for the past 15 years. He was married to Iona Davis on June 5, 1948. Mr. Parrish was a veteran of World War II and employed as an independent cab driver for Veteran's Cab in Ann Arbor for a number of years before retiring in 1985. He is survived by his wife Iona; two sons, Gail of Belleville and Dale of Camdenton, Missouri; One daughter, Karen Tippitt of Jonesboro, Arkansas; six grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers. Funeral services wil be held Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nie-Fontana Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Calmes officiating. Burial will take place at Holcomb Cemetery, Pollard, Arkansas.

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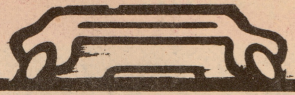

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Near the houses are two Depression-era log cabins. Township Historian Cathy Horste said the cabins were erected by rail-riding hobos, in return for food from owners of the two old Rawsonville homes.

Horste said she has had no reports on the condition of Rawsonville's underwater portion.

"I imagine what's there that's sturdy is still there," Horste said. "That's probably why the fishing is so good."

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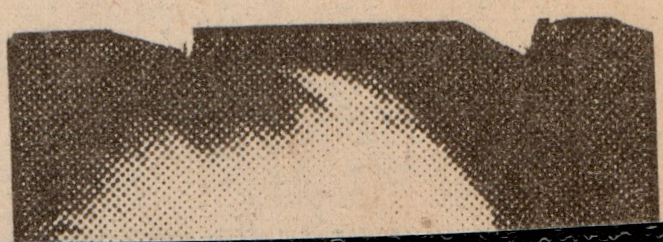
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